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1. FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO US PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN MADE
BY AMB RAMPHUL IN COMITE I DEBATE ON DISARMAMENT ISSUES ON
11 NOV:

THE REGIONAL APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT
ELEMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH FOR SECURITY. MAURITIUS GAVE
ITS SUPPORT TO THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS
A ZONE OF PEACE WHEN THAT DECLARATION WAS ADOPTED THREE
YEARS AGO. TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES BORDERING
THE INDIAN OCEAN, WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THE COMPETITIVE
EXPANSION OF THE MILITARY PRESENCE OF THE GREAT POWERS
IN THE INDIANOCEAN WOULD LEAD TO AN INCREASE OF TENSION
IN THE AREA, AND WE CALL UPON THE GREAT POWERS TO REFRAIN
FROM INCREASING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR MILITARY PRESENCE
IN THE REGION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN
TO US LITTORAL STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN IS THE RECENT
AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS ON 5
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FEBRUARY 1974, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF WHICH THE UNITED

STATES WOULD ESTABLISH SUPPORT INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA FOR WARSHIPS AND AIRCRAFT. ANY DECISION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND COMMUNICATIONS AND MILITARY FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND OF DIEGO GARCIA WOULD CONSTITUTE A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT. WE APPEAL ONCE AGAIN TO THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO RECONSIDER THEIR PRESENT POLICY, WHICH CERTAINLY IS CONDUCTIVE TO THE CREATION NOT OF A ZONE OF PEACE BUT RATHER OF ONE OF TENSION. THE PEOPLES OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN MUST BE ALLOWED TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY. THEREFORE MAURITIUS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WITH OTHERS EVERY POSSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE AREA.

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